



HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, May 11, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Perez-Cabello, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Board Members: Arturo Perez-Cabello, Melinda Saller (7:11 P.M.), Lynn Campo, Christopher Daur, Melissa Kaplan, Gail Mitchell, Walter Morton IV. (7:25 P.M.), Roxana Walker-Canton, and Gary Walsh

Student Representative: Ayanna Iovieno

Staff: Jody Goeler, Tom Ariola, Gary Highsmith, Karen Kaplan, and Christopher Melillo

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello appointed Christopher Daur as Acting Board Secretary, until Melinda Saller could join the meeting.

Board Chair, Arturo Perez-Cabello made an Opening Remark.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD RECOGNITION

The Superintendent wanted to recognize and thank all the School Nurses.

The Superintendent recognized the following May Hamden Heroes:

Karen Kraemer, Church Street Media Specialist
Joanne Masso, Church Street Secretary
Ella Waller, Church Street 6th grader
Alex Camire – Ridge Hill PE Teacher
Wingston Sotomayor – Ridge Hill 6th Grade Student

Hamden Women's Club- In appreciation for their efforts in creating and hand sewing 360 reading bags for every first grader in Hamden Public Schools
Anna Blanchard, Antoinette Antonucci and Ellen Young

SCASA (South Central Area Superintendent Association) Award winners
Marc Imperati, Bear Path School
Ryan Marroquin-Florian, Church Street School
Julia DelGrego, Hamden High School
Kristian Lozada, Hamden High School
Faith Diaba, Hamden Middle School
Harper Irwin, Hamden Middle School

Melinda Saller took over secretarial duties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Move to approve the minutes from the Board of Education meeting on April 13, 2021.
Saller
Seconded by: Walsh
In Favor: Campo, Daur, Kaplan, Perez-Cabello, Saller and Walsh

Abstain: Mitchell and Walker-Canton
MOTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE

Melinda Saller reviewed the correspondence she received since the February meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person had a public comment shared tonight:
Jessica Powell

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee – Committee Chair, Melissa Kaplan reported on the activities of the committee for the last two meetings.
ACES/Wintergreen – Committee Chair, Lynn Campo stated there will be a meeting on May 15, 2021.
Operations Committee – Committee Chair, Chris Daur reported on the activities of the committee.
Finance Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV. stated there was no meeting held.
Personnel Committee – Committee Chair, Walter Morton IV. reported on the activities of the committee.
Policy Committee – Committee Chair, Melinda Saller stated there was nothing to report at this time.
Evaluation and Goals Committee – Lynn Campo reported on the activities of the committee.
Equity Committee – Roxana Walker-Canton reported on the activities of the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Christopher Daur made a Point of Order, to move Consent Agenda first and then other Action Items, instead of splitting the Action Items up to before and after the Consent Agenda.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA

Christopher Daur requested to remove item 9.2). Approve the revised education specs of the Hamden Middle School priority application (Special Operations Meeting May 11, 2021) from the Consent Agenda.

Lynn Campo requested to remove 9.3) Approve Budget Transfers (Finance Meeting May 11, 2021) completely from the Agenda as there was no Finance Meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Saller
Seconded by: Walsh
Unanimous

Items from the Operations Committee Meeting, May 4, 2021

- a. Approval of building use by Academy of Dance & Music at Hamden High School auditorium on June 11-12, 2021 for a dance competition
- b. Approval of building use by Legacy School of Dance at Hamden High School auditorium on June 24th-26th, 2021 for a dance recital
- c. Approval of the use of West Woods and Wintergreen gymnasiums by Hamden Father's Football and Cheerleading for cheer clinics, April 27th – June 22nd, 2021
- d. Approval of the use of Hamden High School or Hamden Middle School auditorium & cafe by Shobha Jagadesh for a solo dance recital, August 26th (rehearsal) & August 28th, 2021
- e. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School auditorium by The Dance Connection for a dance recital, June 18th -19th, 2021
- f. Approval of the use of Ridge Hill, West Woods and Wintergreen gymnasiums by Hamden Father's Football and Cheerleading for cheer practice, August 12th-December 17th, 2021
- g. Approval of the use of Church Street and Helen Street cafeterias by ALM Sports LLC for enrichment summer camp, Monday-Thursday starting June 14th until August 20th, 2021
- h. Approval of the use of Hamden High School auditorium/Black Box/Dressing Rooms by Cheshire Dance Centre, LLC for dance recital, June 13th, 2021
- i. Approval of the use of Spring Glen cafeteria by Creative Kids (Park & Rec) for summer arts program, July 6th-July 20th, 2021
- j. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School gymnasium, cafeteria and tennis courts by Summer Day Camp (Park & Rec), July 6th-July 16th, 2021
- k. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School gymnasium, cafeteria and tennis courts by Summer Day Camp (Park & Rec), July 19th-August 2nd, 2021
- l. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School auditorium, music room and hallway by The Whitneyville Players (Park & Rec) for a theater summer camp, July 6th-July 16th, 2021
- m. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School auditorium, music room and hallway by The Whitneyville Players (Park & Rec) for a theater summer camp final show, July 17th, 2021
- n. Approval of the use of Shepherd Glen School gymnasium, cafeteria and entire building by Munchkin/Rascal Summer Camp (Park & Rec), July 6th-July 20th, 2021
- o. Approval of the use of Shepherd Glen School gymnasium, cafeteria and entire building by Munchkin/Rascal Summer Camp (Park & Rec), July 26th-August 6th, 2021
- p. Approval of the use of Hamden High School pool & locker area by Park & Rec PM and Weekend programs, April 3rd –June 12th, 2021
- q. Approval of the use of Spring Glen cafeteria by Creative Kids (Park & Rec) for summer arts program, July 26th-July 30th, 2021

- r. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School auditorium, cafeteria, music room and/or classroom by The Gorti Family for Anjali Gorti Arangeeram, June 27th, 2021 from 9am-12pm
 - s. Approval of the use of Hamden Middle School room 173 by Lego Science Program (Grades K-5), August 2-6th, 2021
 - t. Approval of 2021-2022 HYS Summer Work Program at HPS schools
 - u. Approval of Naming of SPG Garden the Christy Czekaj Spring Glen Garden
3. Move to approve the CSDE Authorized Signature Change Form for the Child Nutrition Program.
Saller
Seconded by: Mitchell
Unanimous
 4. Move to approve the revised education specs of the Hamden Middle School priority application (Special Operations Meeting May 11, 2021
Saller
Seconded by: Morton IV.
Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent updated the Board on the COVID-19 and plans for next year.

The Superintendent updated the Board on 3R Plan.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the retirement of some Central Office staff members, as well as, the Central Office Core team reorganization plan.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following Board members spoke this evening: Roxana Walker-Canton, Gary Walsh, Melinda Saller, Melissa Kaplan and Arturo Perez-Cabello.

ADJOURNMENT

5. Move to adjourn at 9:34 P.M.
Saller
Seconded by: Daur
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Saller, Board Secretary

